

REMARKS

The Examiner's action of July 21, 2003 is noted in which the claims are variously rejected under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103.

Applicant has amended claims to indicate that the display is directly attached to a probe, thus to be able to at all times view the display while probing a particular part without fumbling around.

Nowhere is this shown or taught in the references of record. With respect to the Gibson reference it will be seen that the probes, namely the black and red probes, are coupled to the meter by flexible wires. Flexible wires do not mount the display to a probe. In point of fact, it is precisely because of this arrangement in which one cannot balance the display on the probe that the subject invention was made.

Many times, for instance, when utilizing a voltmeter such as described in Gibson, one needs a third hand in order to be able to hold the two probes to a part and also hold the display adjacent the probe. Many people have experienced this difficulty and it is for this reason that Applicant claims that the display is directly attached to the probe where the display can be seen as one probes. This is because one has his hand on the probe to guide the probe which in turn steadies the display at the exact probe point he is looking at.

The Jamar et al. reference adds nothing to the Gibson reference and itself is not anticipatory of the claimed subject matter.

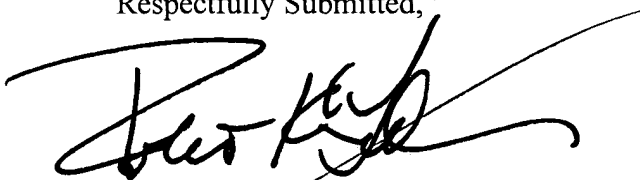
For instance, referring to Figure 3 of Jamar et al., probes 624 are connected by wires to a portable device 20. The display of the device is nowhere attached to the probes. Moreover, the Jamar et al. device looks to be a device for measuring cardiac rhythms and the display is not attached to any of the probes that are utilized on the patient. The display is simply elsewhere and

not along the sight line to a probe. This is not surprising since the probes are adhesively fastened to the individual and stay put while one is looking at the monitor.

For these reasons, it is Applicant's contention that the claimed subject matter is neither shown, taught nor suggested in the references cited.

Allowance of the claims and issuance of the case is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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